

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Lieber and Goldberg**

June 27, 2006

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An act to add Section 3409.25 of the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1, as introduced, Lieber. Female Offender Program.

Existing law provides for the care and custody of women female inmates under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

This bill would require the department to develop a community-based female offender program comprised of a continuum of facilities for nonserious, nonviolent female inmates. The bill would require the department to secure 4,500 beds over 2 years in facilities that provide an array of services to promote successful reentry into society.

This bill would also require the department to report to the Legislature by June 30, 2011, on the effectiveness of community correctional centers in rehabilitating female offenders.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3409.25 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2 read:

1     3409.25. The department shall develop a community-based  
2 female offender program comprised of a continuum of facilities  
3 for nonserious and nonviolent female inmates whereby inmates  
4 are matched in a cost-effective manner with the facility that best  
5 achieves the goals of public protection and successful reentry.

6     (a) The continuum shall include community correctional  
7 centers to house inmates closer to their communities, halfway  
8 house facilities to support the transition from prison to the  
9 community, and halfway back facilities designed to address the  
10 needs of parole violators who need more restrictive sanctions.

11     (b) The department shall work with communities to plan,  
12 develop, and operate facilities based on the latest research and  
13 focused on successful reentry.

14     (c) The department shall develop a process to secure 2,500  
15 community correctional center beds for nonserious and  
16 nonviolent female offenders in the 2007–08 fiscal year, and  
17 2,000 beds in the 2008–09 fiscal year. There shall be no more  
18 than 200 beds in each facility.

19     (d) These facilities shall initially be located in Alameda,  
20 Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San  
21 Diego Counties, due to the significant number of female inmates  
22 who are from these areas.

23     (e) Custody staff at these facilities shall be provided by  
24 department personnel.

25     (f) The department shall provide a report to the Legislature by  
26 June 30, 2011, on the effectiveness of community correctional  
27 centers in rehabilitating female offenders.

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